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David J. Robson, et al. ) Ivars C. Cintins  
Serial No. 08/876.322 ) Group Art Unit 1724  
Filed June 16, 1997 )  
IMPROVEMENTS IN OR )  
RELATING TO ABSORPTION )  
OF HYDROPHOBIC WATER- )  
IMMISCIBLE LIQUIDS )

RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated September 14, 1999, Applicant submits the following response. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the reference to Applicant's prior applications as follows:

This application is a continuation of application number 08/620,482, filed ~~March~~ 22, 1996, now abandoned, which is a continuation of number 08/050,060, filed January 31, 1994, now abandoned, which is a 371 of PCT/GB91/01711, filed October 3, 1991.

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